REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Examiner requires that lines 1 of independent of claims 1 and 15 be rephrased to refer to "processing input data words." This amendment has been made pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion. Applicants make no surrender of claim scope or equivalents by this amendment. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

Since this amendment places the application in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that it be entered. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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